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CHRONICLE OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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Abbreviations: ***Ann. sc. pol.***, Annales des sciences politiques, Paris; ***Arch. dipl.***, Archives diplomatiques, Paris; *B.*, boletín, bulletin, bollettino; *B. A. R.*, Monthly bulletin of the International Bureau of American Republics, Washington; *Doc. dipl.*, France: Documents diplomatiques; *Dr.*, droit, diritto, derecho; *For. rel.*, Foreign Relations of the United States; *Ga.*, gazette, gaceta, gazzetta; *Cd.*, Great Britain: Parliamentary Papers; *Int.*, international, internacional, internazionale; *J.*, journal; *J. O.*, Journal Officiel, Paris; *Mém. dipl.*, Mémorial diplomatique, Paris; *Monit.*, Moniteur belge, Brussels; *N. R. G.*, Nouveau recueil général de traités, Leipzig; *Q. dipl.*, Questions diplomatiques et coloniales; *R.*, review, revista, revue, rivista; *Reichs-G.*, Reichs-Gesetzblatt, Berlin; *Staatsb.*, Staatsblad, Gröningen; *State Papers*, British and Foreign State Papers, London; *Stat. at L.*, United States Statutes at Large; *Times*, the Times (London); *Treaty ser.*, Great Britain: Treaty Series.

February, 1909

1 SWEDEN. Adhesion to international convention signed at The Hague, December 21, 1904, to exempt hospital ships from port dues in time of war. *Monit.*, February 12. *See March 26, August 14, 1907, and February 26, 1909. Staatsb.*, 1908, No. 120; for procès-verbaux of the international conference respecting hospital ships held at The Hague December, 1904, *see Arch. dipl.*, 101:301; *id.*, 101:241.

22 BELGIUM—LUXEMBURG—NETHERLANDS. Agreement signed at Brussels extending the telegraphic convention signed at The Hague, December 17, 1890, at Brussels, December 20, 1890, and at Luxemburg, December 19, 1890, until one of the contracting governments shall give one year's notice of its intention to terminate it. *Staatsb.*, 1909, No. 73. Under article 17 of the international telegraphic convention signed at St. Petersburg, July 22, 1875. *Monit.*, February 28.

26 PERSIA. Deposit at The Hague of ratification of international convention signed at The Hague December 21, 1904. Exemption of hospital ships in time of war from port dues. *Monit.*, February 12. *See February 1, 1909.*

March, 1909.

5 BRAZIL—COLOMBIA. Ratification by Colombia of treaty signed at Rio de Janeiro, August 21, 1908. Fluvial commerce and navigation. *B. del ministerio de relaciones exteriores,* 2:504, 546.

10 COLOMBIA—FRANCE. Ratification by Colombia of general arbitration treaty signed at Bogota, December 16, 1908. *B. del ministerio de relaciones exteriores,* 2:508, 552.

April, 1909.

2 MEXICO—NETHERLANDS. Ratifications exchanged at Mexico of extradition convention signed at Mexico, December 16, 1907. *Staatsb.,* 1909, No. 118.

29 BELGIUM—FRANCE—GREECE—ITALY—SWITZERLAND. Ratifications deposited at Paris of the monetary convention signed at Paris, November 4, 1908. Belgian law approving, March 13. *Monit.,* May 9. This convention is additional to the monetary convention signed November 6, 1885. *See March 22, 1909.* The ratifications were to have been deposited March 25, 1909, but the Italian government requested postponement and a declaration was accordingly signed at Paris, March 24, 1909, extending the time. French decree, May 1, taking effect May 15. *J. O.,* May 2.

30 FRANCE. Decree promulgating convention respecting civil procedure signed at The Hague, July 17, 1905. *J. O.,* May 2.

May, 1909.

1 BRAZIL—PANAMA. General treaty of arbitration signed.

1 GREAT BRITAIN—UNITED STATES. Denunciation of the agreement of November 19, 1907, respecting (1) commercial travelers' samples entering the United Kingdom, (2) import duties on British works of art entering the United States. *Treaty ser.,* 1909, No. 13; *id.,* 1907, No. 44.

1 SALVADOR—UNITED STATES. Ratification by Salvador of treaty of general arbitration signed at Washington, December 21, 1908. *Diario oficial,* May 7.

1 FRANCE—GREAT BRITAIN—ITALY. French decree approving two arrangements signed at London, December 13, 1906, respecting (1) Abyssinia and (2) traffic in arms on the Somali coast. *J. O.,* May 2, 1909; *N. R. G.,* 2:35:556; *Treaty ser.,* 1907, Nos. 1 and 2; *Q. dipl.,* 11:310; *Arch. dipl.,* 101:47, 51; *State papers,* 76: 315. Under the first agreement, the three powers undertook to

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respect and endeavor to preserve the integrity of Abyssinia; to act so that industrial concessions granted in the interest of one of them may not injure the others; to abstain from intervention in Abyssinian affairs; to concert together for the safeguarding of their respective interests in territories bordering on Abyssinia; and they make agreements concerning railway construction in Abyssinia and equal treatment in trade and transit for their nationals.

1 GERMANY—GREAT BRITAIN. Postal service of boxes with declared values up to £400 came into force. A similar service already exists between the latter country and Belgium, France and Netherlands. *L'union postale,* June 1.

1 BELGIUM—SERVIA. International collection order service came into force. *L'union postale,* June 1.

1 FRANCE—GERMANY. First meeting of court of arbitration at The Hague to which was submitted the Casablanca incident. M. Hammarskjöld, president, M. Renault, Herr Kriege, Sir Edward Fry and Signor Fusinato compose the court. *See May 22, 1909.*

2 FRANCE—NORWAY. French decree approving declaration signed at Paris, February 20, 1909. *J. O.,* May 3, 4. Takes effect May 4, 1909, and of equal life with treaty of commerce signed December 30, 1881.

3 SECOND NATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE at Chicago. The first was held at New York in 1907.

5 PERSIA. Proclamation issued according a constitution to the people. *Times,* May 6.

9 INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION OF IMPROVEMENTS OF CITIES AND RESORTS opend at St. Petersburg. To continue until September 14.

10 CHINA—RUSSIA. Preliminary agreement signed at Peking. Eighteen articles. The Kharbin municipality will hereafter be administered on the basis of an international settlement under regulations, the negotiations for which are to commence within one month. The agreement admits China's right to appoint a director of the Chinese Eastern Railway, as provided by the agreement of 1896, to reside in Peking, or Kharbin. *Times,* May 12; text, *Times,* June 1.

10 PERSIA. Decree proclaiming general amnesty for political offences, with license for exiles to return. *Times,* June 30.

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10 BELGIUM—LUXEMBURG. Act signed at Brussels additional to the postal convention signed March 6, 1879. *Monit,* May 15. To take effect July 1, 1909.

11 SOUTH AFRICA. Amended draft of the Constitution signed at the second session of the National South African Convention at Bloemfontein. *Times,* May 12; *Cd.,* 4721.

12 FRANCE—VENEZUELA. The Venezuelan government and the French Cable Company signed a compromis with a contract annexed The company opens its regular service. *Times,* May 13.

13 BRAZIL—ECUADOR. Treaty of arbitration signed at Washington.

13 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY—UNITED STATES. Ratifications exchanged at Washington of arbitration convention. Signed at Washington, January 15, 1909; ratification advised by the Senate, January 20, 1909; ratified by the President, March 1, 1909; ratified by Austria-Hungary, April 17, 1909; proclaimed by the President May 18, 1909. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 524.

14 UNITED STATES—URUGUAY. Ratifications exchanged at Montevideo of naturalization convention signed at Montevideo, August 10, 1908; ratification advised by the Senate, December 10, 1908; ratified by the President, December 26, 1908; ratified by Uruguay, May 14, 1909; proclaimed by the President, June 19, 1909. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 527.

15 FRANCE—ITALY. Agreement signed at Rome. Customs at Lanslebourg. *Mém. dipl.,* May 23.

15 DANISH WEST INDIES—NETHERLANDS. Direct exchange of money orders established. *L'Union postale,* 34:79.

17 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY—GREAT BRITAIN. British order in council extending to Austria-Hungary application of the Patents and Designs Act, 1907. *London Ga.,* May 21, 1909.

17 SIXTH INTERNATIONAL COTTON CONGRESS of delegated representatives of master cotton spinners and manufacturers' associations opened at Milan. Adjourned May 19. *Times,* May 18, 20. *See June 1, 1908.*

18 ABYSSINIA. Proclamation of Lidj Eyassu, son of Ras Mikhael and Waizaro Shoa Rögga, as successor to his grandfather Emperor Menelik and announcement of his betrothal to the Princess of the Tigré, granddaughter of the late Emperor John and niece of Empress Taitou. *Times,* May 26.

May, 1909.

18 GERMANY. Reichstag passed international copyright convention. Signed at Berlin November, 1908. *See March 2, 1909.*

18 BRAZIL—COSTA RICA. Treaty of arbitration signed at Washington.

19 BELGIUM—URUGUAY. Uruguay denounced treaty of commerce and navigation signed September 16, 1853, and additional articles signed February 21, 1857. Takes effect May 19, 1910. *Monit.,* May 28, 1909.

19 NETHERLANDS. Denouncement of international sanitary convention signed December 3, 1903, as regards the Dutch West Indies. *Monit.,* May 21, 1909. *See February 9, 1909.*

22 FRANCE—GERMANY. Award at The Hague of the court of arbitration to which were referred the questions resulting from the events at Casablanca, September 25, 1908. *Times,* May 24; *J. des débats,* May 25; this *Journal,* 3:755. *See May 29, 1909.*

25 ITALY signed at London the Declaration of London of February 26, 1909, respecting rules for an international prize court. Spain signed April 24, 1909.

27 SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF APPLIED CHEMISTRY, at London. Adjourned June 2. Prior congresses were held at (1) Brussels, 1894; (2) Paris, 1896; (3) Vienna, 1898; (4) Paris, 1900; (5) Berlin, 1903; (6) Rome, 1906. *Times,* May 28, 29. Next congress in the United States.

27 BELGIUM—BULGARIA. Ratifications exchanged at Sofia of treaty of commerce and navigation. Signed at Sofia, August 29, 1908. *Monit.,* June 3, 1909.

27 BELGIUM—BULGARIA. Ratifications exchanged at Sofia of extradition treaty signed at Sofia, March 28, 1908. *Monit.,* June 5.

27 FRANCE—ITALY. Telegraphic convention signed at Paris; signed at Rome February 24, 1909.

28 CUBA. Ratification of the international convention signed at Brussels July 5, 1890. International union for publication of customs tariffs. *B. oficial de la secretaria de estado,* July, 1909.

29 FRANCE—GERMANY. Protocol signed at Berlin giving effect to the Hague award regarding the Casablanca incident. *Times,* May 31; *Q. dipl.,* 27:753; *Mém. dipl.,* May 30. The deserters from the Foreign Legion who were tried and found guilty by a court-martial at Casablanca have been pardoned by the President of France. *Times,* July 30.

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31 TWENTIETH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MINERS opened at Berlin. *Times* June 1, 5. Next Congress at Brussels in 1910. *See June 8, 1908.*

June, 1909.

1 NORWAY—URUGUAY. Direct money order service on the basis of the international arrangement of Rome came into force. *L'union postale,* June 1.

2 FRANCE. Abeshr, capital of Wadai, taken by storm by a column of French tirailleurs. The provinces of Tibesti, Borku and Wadai were assigned to France under the Anglo-French agreement signed March 21, 1899, which was concluded after the settlement of the Fashoda incident. Of these three provinces Wadai was the only one in which French influence had not been completely asserted. *Times,* July 23.

6 INTERNATIONAL DAIRY CONGRESS opened at Budapest. *See September 17, 1907.*

6 SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE SCIENCE OF INSURANCE, at Vienna. *Times,* June 8.

8 BELGIUM. Law relative to Belgian nationality. *Monit.,* June 17; *Cd.,* 7352, 4730.

8 HONDURAS—UNITED STATES. Proclamation by the President of the United States of the naturalization convention signed at Tegucigalpa, June 23, 1908; ratification advised by the Senate, December 10, 1908; ratified by the President, December 26, 1908; ratified by Honduras, April 7, 1909; ratifications exchanged at Tegucigalpa, April 16, 1909. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 525.

10 JAPAN signed Declaration of London of February 26, 1909, respecting rules for international prize court.

14 BRAZIL. Death of President, Dr. Affonso Penna. Succeeded, in accordance with the constitution, by the vice-president, Dr. Nilo Peçanha. *Q. dipl.,* 27: 2.

15 RUSSIA—UNITED STATES. Proclamation by the President of agreement signed at St. Petersburg, June 25 (12), 1904; ratification advised by the Senate, May 6, 1909; ratified by the President, June 7, 1909. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 526. To regulate the position of corporations or stock companies and other commercial associations.

June, 1909.

16 FOURTH QUINQUENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF WOMEN at Toronto. *Times,* June 17, 18, 24. Next meeting at Rome, 1914. *Harper: The international council of women, North American R.* 188:650.

17 MOROCCO. Troops of Mulai Hafid defeated. *Times,* June 22. Moroccan pretender, Bu Hamara.

18 ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—GREAT BRITAIN. Permanent arbitration treaty signed at Rio de Janeiro. *Times,* June 19.

18 BRAZIL—GREAT BRITAIN. Arbitration convention signed at Rio de Janeiro. *Times,* June 21.

19 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—UNITED STATES. Extradition treaty signed at Santo Domingo. Ratification advised by the United States Senate July 26, 1909.

20 PROFESSOR FREDERICK DE MARTENS died. Born in 1845, entered the Russian ministry of foreign affairs in 1868 and became Professor of international law in the University of St. Petersburg in 1871. De Martens was a member of the Brussels conference of 1874, of the Red Cross Conference at Karlsruhe in 1887, of the Maritime Conference of 1889, of the 1890 conference for the suppression of the white slave traffic, and represented Russia in both The Hague Conferences. In 1897 he was a member of the board which settled the "*Costa Rica*" ship dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela; in 1903 member of tribunal to settle preferential payment controversy between Venezuela and Great Britain, Germany and Italy. Author of *Le droit international des nations civilisées* (2 vols. 1884–1888) and editor of collection of treaties between Russia and foreign powers, 15 volumes.

20 CRETE. Turkey invites Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy to discuss with the Porte proposals for solution of the Cretan difficulty on lines to preclude annexation of the island by Greece and to guarantee maintenance of Turkish sovereign rights. *Times.* June 22, 23, 26, July 7. This circular note requests abrogation of the arrangements for the appointment of a High Commissioner for Crete at the instance of the King of the Hellenes, the administration of justice in the name of King George and the use of postage stamps bearing his portrait.

21 THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LITERARY AND ARTISTIC ASSOCIATION at Copenhagen. *Dr. d'auteur,* 22:90. *See August 26, 1907.*

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23 PERSIA. Electoral law signed.

26 BULGARIA. Convention signed with the Oriental Railways Company whereby £84,000 will be paid in settlement of all the direct claims of the Company in Bulgaria. With regard to the right of exploitation, the Company will receive from Turkey £860,000 as stipulated in the convention between the Company and Turkey. The latter sum will be paid by Turkey out of the £1,680,000 which the Bulgarian government through Russia gave to Turkey. When the Company has settled definitely this question with Turkey the the former will give a letter of discharge to Bulgaria. From July 15 onwards Bulgaria will introduce for the Southern Bulgaria Railway lines the same tariff as is in force on the Bulgarian lines. *Times,* June 30.

29 FIFTH BRITISH NATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS at Cardiff. *Advocate of Peace,* 71:189.

29 FRANCE—SPAIN. Telegraphic convention signed at Paris. Ratifications exchanged at Paris, July 29, 1909. Takes effect August 1, 1909. *J. O.,* July 31.

29 PERU—UNITED STATES. Ratifications exchanged at Washington of arbitration convention signed at Washington, December 5, 1908; ratification advised by the Senate, December 10, 1908; ratified by the President, March 1, 1909; ratified by Peru, May 3, 1909; proclaimed by the President, June 30, 1909. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 528.

29 RUSSIA signed at London the Declaration of February 26, 1909, respecting rules for a naval prize court. The declaration has been signed by all the powers represented in the London Naval Conference.

29 RUSSO-FINNISH COMMISSION, the object of which is to delimit Imperial from Finnish local legislation, held its first sitting at St. Petersburg. Adjourned until September. *Times,* July 1.

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1 NORWAY. New tariff becomes operative.

3 PERSIA. Russian circular note to the powers on the situation in Persia. Explains necessity for advance of Russian troops to Kazvin (86 miles from Teheran). This action was caused by danger to foreigners in Teheran, from the impending seizure of that city by the Bakhtiari. *Times,* July 5.

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6 PRUSSIA—SWEDEN. Opening of ferry service between Sassnitz and Trelleborg. *Times,* July 7, 8. *See March 7, 1908.*

8 EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL TUBERCULOSIS CONFERENCE opened at Stockholm. *Times,* July 9.

9 GERMANY—GREAT BRITAIN. Exchange of notes renewing for a further period of one year the arbitration agreement signed July 12, 1904. *Treaty ser.,* 1909, No. 20.

9 BOLIVIA—PERU. Judgment in the boundary arbitration pronounced by the President of the Argentine Republic. According to the award the boundary line will follow the rivers Heath and Madre de Dios up to the mouth of the Toromonas and from there a straight line as far as the intersection of the river Tehuamanu with meridian 60°. It will then run northward along this meridian, until it meets the territorial sovereignty of another nation. *Times,* July 13.

10 INTERNATIONAL AERONAUTICAL EXHIBITION opened at Frankfort. *Times,* July 10. Remains open until October 10.

13 CRETE. A memorandum from the four protecting powers to Turkey in answer to the latter's note on the Cretan question announces the intention of the powers to withdraw their garrisons on July 26 and to station four warships in Cretan waters in order to protect the Moslem islanders and safeguard the supreme rights of the Ottoman Empire. The powers expressly describe the present arrangement as provisional and reserve to themselves the right to discuss the regularization of the political status of the island at a more opportune moment. *Times,* July 14. *See June 20, 1909.*

13 CRETE. The consuls-general of the four protecting powers declare on behalf of their governments in a communication to the Executive committee:

(1) That, continuing the execution of the measures laid down in principle in their collective note of July 23, 1906, and precisely defined by the note addressed to M. Zaimis on May 11, 1908, they will carry out the complete withdrawal of their troops on the 26th inst., confident in the wisdom of the Cretan people and relying on the energy and loyalty of the authorities constituted for the maintenance of public order and the security of the Mussulman population.

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(2) That they will continue to take a benevolent interest in the Cretan question but they consider it indispensable not to leave any one in ignorance of the fact that it is their duty to watch over the maintenance of order and the safety of Mussulmans in Crete, reserving to themselves to that end the right of taking such steps as they may consider necessary for reestablishing order should disturbances arise and the local authorities find themselves unable to suppress them. *Times,* July 14.

13 PERSIA. National forces enter Teheran. *Times,* July 14.

13 PERSIA. Russia hands Turkey a note pointing out that the advance of Turkish troops in Western Azerbaijan was contrary not only to the spirit of the Anglo-Russian agreement whereby the British and Russian governments undertook to preserve the integrity of Persia, but also to the assurances given to these governments by the Porte at the time of the Turco-Persian frontier dispute. The note concluded with a request that the Porte should check any further advance of the troops.

14 GERMANY—UNITED STATES. Ratifications exchanged at Washington of agreement signed at Washington February 23, 1909, to effect a more operative reciprocal protection of patents, working patterns, designs and models. *Reichs-G.*, 1909, No. 47. Ratification advised by the Senate, April 15, 1909; ratified by the President, April 20, 1909; ratified by Germany, June 15, 1909; proclaimed by the President, August 1, 1909. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 521.

14 FRANCE—UNITED STATES. French law approving extradition convention signed at Paris January 6, 1909. *J. O.,* July 15.

16 FRANCE—MEXICO. French law approving convention signed at Mexico, June 3, 1908. Validity of marriages celebrated before diplomatic and consular agents. *J. O.,* July 18.

16 PERSIA. At a meeting of the National Committee, the Shah Mahomed Ali was formally deposed and his son Sultan Ahmed Mirza was unanimously chosen Shah, under the regency of Azad-ul-Mulk, pending convocation of parliament. The deposed Shah had earlier in the day sought sanctuary in the Russian legation. *Times* July 17, 21. Mahomed Ali Shah, born June 21, 1872, succeeded his father, Muzzaffar-ed-dîn, January 8, 1907.

18 TWELFTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AGAINST ALCOHOLISM, at London. *Times,* July 19. *See July 29, 1908.*

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18 MOROCCO—SPAIN. Moors attacked Spanish lines, which extended from the Atalayon promontory towards Mount Gurugu. *Times,* July 31, 27. The trouble originated in murder of four workmen employed on the railway near Melilla.

20 INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES at London. *Times,* June 5.

20 CANADA—FRANCE. French law approving commercial convention signed at Paris, September 19, 1907, and the supplementary convention signed at Paris, January 23, 1909. *J. O.,* July 24. *See September 19, 1907.* The supplementary convention admits Canadian cattle at the minimum rate of duty, but excludes such animals when fattened and in condition for slaughter.

20 COSTA RICA—UNITED STATES. Ratifications exchanged at Washington of arbitration convention signed at Washington, January 13, 1909; ratification advised by the Senate, January 20, 1909; ratified by the President, March 1, 1909; ratified by Costa Rica, June 28, 1909; proclaimed by the President July 21, 1909. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 530.

21 FRANCE—GERMANY. French law authorizing ratification of telegraphic convention signed at Lisbon, June 2, 1908. *J. O.,* July 31.

21 FRANCE. Law approving regulations signed by the international telegraphic conference at Lisbon, June 11, 1908. *J. O.,* July 31. These regulations were signed by representatives in behalf of Germany, Argentine Republic, Australia, Austria, Hungary, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon, Chili, Portuguese colonies, Crete, Denmark, Egypt, Erythea, Spain, France, Great Britain, Greece, British Indies, Dutch Indies, French Indo-China, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Madagascar, Montenegro, Natal, Norway, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Orange River Colony, Netherlands, Persia, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Senegal, Servia, Siam, Sweden, Switzerland, Transvaal, Tunis, Turkey and Uruguay. *See June 11, 1908.*

23 PERU—UNITED STATES. Ratifications exchanged at Lima of naturalization convention signed at Lima, October 15, 1907; ratification advised by the Senate, February 19, 1908; ratified by the President, March 9, 1908; ratified by Peru, July 23, 1909; proclaimed, September 2, 1909. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 532.

26 MEXICO. Adhesion to arrangement signed at Madrid April, 1891, respecting international registration of trade marks. *J. O.,* July 11.

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26 CRETE. France, Great Britain, Italy and Russia evacuate Crete. *Times,* July 27.

29 FRANCE—GREAT BRITAIN. Ratifications exchanged at Paris of the additional extradition convention signed at Paris, October 17, 1908. *J. O.,* July 31. French law approving July 14. *J. O.,* July 15.

30 PARAGUAY—UNITED STATES. Ratification by United States Senate of arbitration convention signed at Asuncion March 13, 1909.

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